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SUBJECT: LARAMIE SPEECH

FOR BARBIAN FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. TELL THE BOSS IT IS A VERY REPEAT VERY GOOD SPEECH.
I SEE LITTLE PURPOSE TO TRYING TO EDIT IT FROM HERE AND
VERY LITTLE REASON TO DO SO BECAUSE IT'S IN GOOD SHAPE.

2. I WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE LAST SENTENCE
OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE SPEECH TEXT AND PARAGRAPH 55 OF THE
TEXT DUPLICATE EACH OTHER ALMOST VERBATIM. YOU WILL WANT
TO CHANGE ONE OR THE OTHER. IN MY VIEW IT IS PARAGRAPH 55
WHICH SHOULD CHANGE, SINCE AS IT READS NOW IT SAYS THAT THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO DEMAND AN END TO THE PROC-
ESS OF RETAINING THE CAPACITY TO DO ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS
THAT ARE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 54. I WOULD SUGGEST THE
FOLLOWING WORDING FOR PARAGRAPH 55:

3. "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO DEMAND OF THEIR
LEADERS, IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, AN END TO THE DESTRUC-
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TIVE DEBATE THAT HAS IN RECENT MONTHS SO COME TO MARK OUR

POLITICAL PROCESS. THEY KNOW, AS THE WORLD KNOWS, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS STILL THE GREATEST COUNTRY ON THE FACE OF

THE EARTH. AND THEY KNOW HOW MUCH DAMAGE THESE CONTINUING ATTACKS ON THEIR COUNTRY'S INSTITUTIONS HAVE DONE, AND WILL DO, TO UNDERMINE AMERICA'S ABILITY TO KEEP THE PEACE."

4. LORD HAS NOT YET COME INTO THE OFFICE. IF HE HAS ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE SPEECH WE WILL CABLE THEM TO YOU. INGERSOLL

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